

House Klag Newsletter

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From the Desk of Uncle Kahn

Greetings brothers and sisters!

It's that time again for the jolly fat one to slide down our chimneys and deliver long anticipated gifts. No, you won't find me passed out in your living room covered in soot and lying in a pool of bloodwine and cookie crumbs again this year. I'm talking about that time of year when Zantai-Klaus visits good warriors to deliver them gifts of honor. It's also the time we get together with friends and family who live great distances to enjoy each other's company and to eat and drink like there is no tomorrow. Lukara and I would like to wish everyone, no matter what faith you follow, to have a joyous Yuletide Season and the safest and merriest of New Years. We want you all to be safe out there, there's a lot of Pakleds who get behind the wheel of their ground transports. Take your time getting to your destinations, your family and friends will be there waiting and will be happy to have you arrive in one piece.

With that, I would like to welcome you all to the Holiday Edition of the House Klag newsletter. Below you will find information on the going-ons of the House Klag membership and news of Klingon fandom. I had a little time, so I finished up the layout to the newsletter that I have wanted to unveil for some time. Consider it my gift to you all. I do need some help; you'll notice that there is a generic name "House Klag Newsletter". In the past (before the internet made it easier to communicate) when Houses and chapters used to crank out newsletters, they had clever names. The IKV Black Demon used to put out one four times a year that was called "Maximum Overkill" and while it was only a few pages, it was still eagerly read by its members and anyone who had received a copy. So, we need a name for our newsletter. I will be opening a post on our official website's message board to take suggestions and in a month or so, we can vote on the name. Pretty exciting, huh?

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****YOUR ATTENTION IS NEEDED****

I would like to announce a new member to the halls of House Klag. If you haven't had the chance, please give our newest member, Benice Walker a warm welcome. Bernice has chosen the name "Valkris" as her character's name. Valkris is into martial arts, weapons, has a fondness for Science Fiction, and an eye for body art. She is also a retired Senior Programmer Analyst from the Imperial Techno Division. Valkris can be found on our official house website, on our Facebook group, and has voluntarily enlisted herself on board the *IKV Black Demon* (Kahless have mercy on her).

KAI to Valkris! Her enemies become ours, and may Kahless guide her onto glory!

*** * *We want to see pictures!* * ***

If you have photos of yourself in uniform terrorizing the mundanes or anything in casual Terran clothes (new photos or old) that you are proud of, we want to see them! You can upload them safely to our gallery (located on our official website) for other members to view and comment on. Help us get to know each other!

<< MEDICAL ALERT! >>

We would like to send our well wishes to two of our members.

It was reported to me that former House leader, Qor'egh, suffered a small stroke a few months ago and has been in the Imperial Infirmary for rehabilitation. While the seriousness of the message seemed to be the utmost of importance, I am lead to believe that Qor'egh faked this so that he could spend time in bed and harassing the medical staff. Qor'egh, I told you time and time again, that if you needed medical grade hooch, to let me know and I'll make a border run for you.

The other message I received was from the medic bay of the IKV Black Demon as brother K'Bob had a mass that needed to be removed from his stomach area. I had told him time and time again that the Romulan food rations (and their packaging) were not suitable for consumption. Some warriors have to learn the hard way. Perhaps next time I'll whip you up a bowl of targH chili.

I wish these two a speedy recovery, and am happy to hear that you have pulled through these ordeals stronger. Without you two, I'd have to tend to the Emperor myself and that may land me in a bed next to you.

LOL KAI!!



In The Kitchen

It's that time again when we stock up on the firewood and prepare our halls for the gathering of family and friends. This is also the time for us to show our guests that House Klag has the best dishes to feast upon. With the nights growing longer and old man *b/lr* (winter) banging on our doors to warm himself by our fires, we need to consider all of the warm dishes we can prepare.



I would like to remind our members that I will be adding recipes to our message board and hope that many of you will follow suit so that we can all share as a House. I have been terribly busy in the kitchen getting treats prepared to send to distant family and friends. Yes, even though I'm the Lady of the House, I still get my hands dirty in the kitchen!

So get out your cook books and start looking for your favorite recipes you'd like to share with everyone, and I'll see you on the board!

Lukara

Behind the Bar

Greetings fellow drunkards, Unkle Kahn here. Last time, I "borrowed" Great Unkle Kothar's drink book and have successfully transcribed all of his recipes and carefully slipped the book back into his command cloak while he was still passed out in his chair by the fire. I have to tell you that I have some really good recipes to share!

Be looking for a thread opening soon on our message board about drinks, being a thoughtful host, and upholding the honor of one's house while under the influence. I have many easy to follow

instructions for House members so that they can create their own refreshing drinks. Currently, I am brewing a few liquors for the winter and will provide easy to follow recipes and tips on enjoying the fruits of your labor. They will be ready next week, just in time to celebrate the longest night. I have tasted my finished brews and I'm pleased with their turn out. I have a little bit of last year's brew and let me tell you, they have aged very well!

~ Kahn



News from the High Council

Fellow Klag, I would like to take a moment to be serious.

As you read last time, Emperor Klag mentioned a few proposals that were in line to go up for vote in the High Council. Those proposals never got the chance to be debated and voted on because of one member's personal agenda. Many of you may have received a message indicating that House Klag was leaving the club, The Empire. If you did not receive this message, please contact me and I will send you a copy. The gist is that the current leader of the club took it upon himself to turn the club and its holdings over to an LLC for protection. This LLC is owned and run by himself. Furthermore, he implemented a new club structure that would ultimately keep him in power until he was ready to leave the seat of leader of the club. This act was further proof that this person had no intentions of settling any problems in the club that was fair to its membership and was in retaliation to the vote of recall (that was mentioned in the previous newsletter). Had the vote been allowed to go through, the history of the club would have shown that he was removed from his position. Honestly, the Emperor and I feel that he would have not vacated the seat as this person also controlled the message board for the club.

This person also restructured the councils late at night, removing Houses that he felt were not worthy of holding seats and with his new High Council comprised of his House, a House who had helped him with his plans, and two Houses who opposed him (us and our long time ally, House Khurn) proceeded to act as if business as usual. This person then posted the new club structure and in it showed that he held the final say-so in the votes as he deemed himself "protectorate". When this happened, we knew that no matter how we voted, the voice of the membership would never have a chance.

After some talk, the Emperor and I decided that we wanted to no longer be a part of a club that was built to satisfy one man's ego. The letter that many of you received explained the rest. There is a lot of talk about what the next step will be. The Emperor and I have decided that we will take a break from that conversation to focus on House matters, getting back to what we all enjoyed about fandom, and spend the holidays with our families. After the new year, and a long rest through the holidays, we will discuss our next step. We have been monitoring the shell of our former club and have seen a mass exodus of members. The only posts are from members patting our former leader on the back and members who only came to the site to talk and not participate in the club and have no idea why they are showing support. Our former leader has posted many lies about what happened and pointed fingers at just about everyone, but himself.

Though we cannot force you, we ask that all House Klag members no longer participate over there. If you feel that there is a question that needs to be answered or would like to speak with fellow Klingon fans, please use our House message board or correspond via Facebook or KlingonSpace. If anyone is approached by a person attempting to recruit, accuse or harass them, please let myself or the Emperor know and we will put a stop to it. We are not expecting any problems, but we wanted to mention this to you all. We don't like playing politics, and enjoy fandom for the costuming and fellowship that it brings.

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KLAG THE TYRANT

BY KEHLYN
With Apologies To Dik Browne



Closing Comments

Well, that wraps it up for the holiday edition of the House Klag newsletter. We wanted to remind members that we have an official website that can be found by pointing your browsers to:
houseklag.webs.com

If you have signed up and are having problems, or need any assistance, let me know and I'll get you fixed up. We hope that all of you have a happy and safe holiday season, and that next year will bring change in a positive way along with celebrations. Next year House Klag will turn fifteen, that's right, 15! It's been a fun ride and I look forward to another 15 years and many more afterward. Be watching the message board for more information.

On a final note, I want to wish all of you the happiest of holidays. If you are like us, and have to travel, please be safe out there on the roads. Take your time while out and about your family will be waiting for you to return safely. Remember to eat, drink, and be merry. But no matter how you celebrate, remember that you always have people who care about you.

Until then brothers and sisters, Fortune Favors the Bold.

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